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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K-9 TEAMS

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1. IT IS EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT THAT GOG (HCAA) WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT IDEA OF USG-GOG MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) CONCERNING USE OF K-9 TEAMS AND HANDLERS.

2. IDEA OF K-9 EXPLOSIVE DETECTION TEAMS WAS FIRST PROPOSED BY MR R. E. NEWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT OF TWA, TO HCAA IN FORM OF REQUEST TO GRANT TWA AUTHORITY TO USE USAF DOG TEAMS. HCAA WAS LUKEWARM TO IDEA BUT WITH EMBASSY INTERVENTION EVENTUALLY AND SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY APPROVED THE IDEA IN A LETTER TO TWA DATED SEP 29, 1976.

3. FOR EMBASSY NOW TO APPROACH HCAA WITH NEW REQUEST FOR BILATERAL MOA TO "DEMONSTRATE FEASIBILITY" OF DOGS (WHICH TWA, NOT HCAA IS INTERESTED IN) WOULD BE AWKWARD AT BEST.

4. IN ANY CASE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT HCAA WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO SIGN SUCH AN MOA IF IT INCLUDED ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING STATUS OF USAF PERSONNEL IN GREECE.
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THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BECOME INVOLVED AND THE QUESTION MIGHT BECOME ENTANGLED IN THE CURRENT BASE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE MATTERS CONSIDERABLEY. QUESTION OF STATUS OF USAF DOG HANDLERS OR FAA CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WOULD BE A DIFFICULT ONE IN ANY MOA. WHILE INFORMAL AGREEMENT SUCH AS HCAA LETTER OF SEP 29 MIGHT BE GIVEN, A FORMAL MOA

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IS ANOTHER MATTER.

5. SHOULD THIS QUESTION BE PURSUED FURTHER, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON USAF PERSONNEL LEVELS AT ELLENIKON AIR BASE. AS DEPT IS AWARE, USAF PERSONNEL LEVELS AT ELLENIKON ARE SUBJECT OF CURRENT DCA NEGOTIATIONS. WE ASSUME THAT DOG HANDLERS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF USAF COMPONENT AND PERSONNEL SLOTS ALLOCATED TO THEM WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN FROM SOME OTHER USAF UNIT.

6. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY TWA IN OCT 1976 THAT K-9 TEAM, AGREEMENT "MAY GO THRU FAA RATHER THAN DIRECTLY BETWEEN USAF AND TWA" BUT SUBJECT OF MOA WAS NOT MENTIONED. IF MOA HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH TWA, PERSON TO CONTACT IS MR. R. E. NEWMAN, STAFF VICE PRESIDENT, AUDIT AND SECURITY, TWA, 605 THIRD AVE, NEW YORK CITY, TEL.
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